

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A papermaking mold which comprises a papermaking part of a prescribed shape, a peripheral part extending outward from the peripheral edge of said papermaking part, and a net covering said papermaking part and at least part of said peripheral part, wherein a fixing member is disposed on the periphery of said net, ~~and~~ said fixing member is directly attached to said peripheral part to fix said net, such that said net is free from a force applied to said fixing member.

Claim 2 (Original) The papermaking mold according to claim 1, wherein said fixing member is integrally fixed to the part of said net that covers said peripheral part.

Claim 3 (Original) The papermaking mold according to claim 1, wherein said fixing member has a mating projection which fits in a mating depression made on said peripheral part to fix said fixing member to said peripheral part.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to claim 1, wherein said papermaking part is configured to face a second papermaking part when the fixing member of the first papermaking part contacts a second fixing member of the second papermaking part.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to claim 1, configured to be paired with a second papermaking mold so that the papermaking parts of each mold face each other to form a cavity of a prescribed shape in which a pulp slurry is injected to deposit pulp fiber on said net.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A papermaking mold which comprises a papermaking part of a prescribed shape, a peripheral part extending outward from said papermaking part, a flange, and a papermaking net covering said papermaking part and at least part of said peripheral part, wherein said part of the net which covers said peripheral part is positioned so that said flange prevents said net from receiving a clamping force received by said flange.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to claim 6, wherein said part of the net which covers said peripheral part is positioned lower than a surface that receives the mold clamping force a predetermined amount.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to claim 6, further comprising a means for adjusting said mold clamping force.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to claim 6, wherein a sealing member is provided on a surface that receives the mold clamping force is to be exerted.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The papermaking mold according to claim 6, wherein at least one of an auxiliary sealing member and a mold clamping force buffering member is provided on said part of the net which covers said peripheral part.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A papermaking mold, comprising:  
a first papermaking part having a first prescribed shape;  
a first fixing member; and

a first net,  
wherein the first net is attached to at least a portion of the first fixing member, and  
the first fixing member is directly detachably attached to the first paper making part,  
such that the first net is free from a force applied to the first fixing member.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold of Claim 11, further comprising:

a second papermaking part having a second prescribed shape;  
a second fixing member; and  
a second net,  
wherein the second net is attached to at least a portion of the second fixing member,  
and  
the second fixing member is directly detachably attached to the second papermaking part, and  
wherein the first and second papermaking parts are configured to form a cavity into which pulp slurry is injected when the first and second papermaking parts are attached.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold of Claim 11, further comprising a means for adjusting a mold clamping force.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A papermaking mold, comprising:

a papermaking part having a prescribed shape;  
a peripheral part extending from the papermaking part;  
a flange; and  
a net covering at least a portion of the peripheral part,

wherein the flange is positioned to receive a clamping force, thereby preventing the net from receiving the clamping force.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to Claim 14, further comprising a means for adjusting the clamping force.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to Claim 14, further comprising a sealing member positioned on the flange.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The papermaking mold according to Claim 14, further comprising at least one of a sealing member and a mold clamping force buffering member positioned on the net at the portion of the peripheral part.

Claim 18 (New): A papermaking mold, comprising:

a first papermaking part having a first prescribed shape;

a first fixing member; and

a first net,

wherein the first net is attached to at least a portion of the first fixing member, and

the first fixing member is directly detachably attached to the first paper making part,

a second papermaking part having a second prescribed shape;

a second fixing member; and

a second net,

wherein the second net is attached to at least a portion of the second fixing member,

the second fixing member is directly detachably attached to the second papermaking part, and

the first and second papermaking parts are configured to form a cavity into which pulp slurry is injected when the first and second papermaking parts are attached.